

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17, 18, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer so that only the allowed claims, namely claims 9 and 19, and the allowable claims, namely claims 6 and 16, now remain pending in this application to expedite allowance of this application.

Claims 9 and 19 were allowed, and claims 6 and 16 were indicated to be allowable if they are placed in independent form. As claims 6 and 16 have been placed in independent form, incorporating the base claim and all intervening claims, these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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